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## AT A GLANCE

### Flu shots

Flu shots are available for retirees at the Base Theater Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Chapel service set for Nov. 23

The chapel is hosting an Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Base Chapel. Everyone is invited. It's a time of song, reflection, free goodies and thanksgiving. For more information, call 643-6021.

### HAWC mobile van visits housing

The McClellan Health and Wellness Center van will visit the Youth Center parking lot in Capehart Housing Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Staff will offer cholesterol and blood pressure screening and provide Health Risk Appraisals. Certified volunteers also will check child carseats for proper installation. For information, call the HAWC at 643-4648.

### Tops in Blue Dec. 5

Tops in Blue is set for Dec. 5 7:30 p.m. at the ARCO Arena. Transportation will be provided from various points on base and in housing. Volunteers are needed. For information, call 643-6660.

### RT commuter cards available

The renewal stickers for the Regional Transit commuter cards are now available for pick-up at the Base Rideshare Office, Bldg 269D. For information, call Al Armfield at 643-0931 Ext. 7.

### Vehicle operation has moved

As of Nov. 1 Vehicle Operations moved their U-Drive it fleet and drivers licensing section from Bldg. 786A to Bldg. 786J.

The hours for U-Drive it are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Drivers licensing hours are 7:30-11 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30-11 a.m. on Friday. For information, call 643-2717 or 643-6989.

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U.S. Air Force photo courtesy of McClellan's Chiefs group  
Retired Chief Master Sgt. George Moses narrates the ceremony honoring the POW/MIA table at the All Ranks Dining Out.



U.S. Air Force photo courtesy of McClellan's Chiefs group  
Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini, commander of Space and Missile Center meets with the most junior member of the mess, Airman Basic Marvin Sing, at the All Ranks Dining Out.



U.S. Air Force photo by Alica Doyle  
The 77th Logistics Group enjoys the festivities at the All Ranks Dining Out Nov. 5.

## All ranks Dining Out huge success

By 2nd Lt. Robert A. Firman  
Chief, Internal Information

A record-breaking crowd of more than 420 people turned out Friday for McClellan Air Force Base's final Dining Out. Open to all ranks, the event included past and present members of Team McClellan from Airman Basic to Lt. General.

"We had an overwhelmingly positive response to this event," said McClellan's Command Chief Master Sergeant Len Czepiel. "The tickets to the dinner sold out extremely fast and the enthusiasm for the evening was fantastic."

It takes more than a little planning to put an event of this magnitude together.

"We had simply an outstanding group of people on the committees working the various aspects of this event," said Czepiel. "We had people covering everything from publicity to decorations to enter-

tainment. They did an extraordinary job putting this together and deserve a great deal of credit for making this such a success."

The Commander of the Space and Missile Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base and a former commander of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, Lt. Gen. Eugene Tattini returned to McClellan to share a few thoughts with the assembled mess.

"Someone forgot to tell you folks that McClellan is closing," Tattini joked with the crowd. "To see the enthusiasm and spirit in this room you'd never know this base is 18 months from closure. It's this spirit at McClellan that will live on as your legacy."

Brig. Gen. Mike Wiedemer, commander Sacramento Air Logistics Center said, "this was one of the finest events I've had the opportunity to be a part of at McClellan. We continue to make progress toward closure with professionalism and honor, but we also know how to have a great time. This dining out was simply fantastic."

### More information available for VSIP, VERA recipients

Employees in receipt of a VSIP/VERA offer who wish to know their standing on the reduction in forces retention registers prior to accepting or declining their offer can call 643-5940 for the information.

Requests to review the retention registers will be handled on an *appointment only* basis, due to the

anticipated volume of requests and limited resources.

Employees not in receipt of a VSIP/VERA offer will not be scheduled for an appointment. The retention registers will list current employees and the number of positions to be abolished in the fiscal year 2000 RIF in each competitive level.

Employees are reminded that the

information provided will be current as of the date the retention registers were printed and will not be updated as employees leave, vacant positions are filled.

Therefore, the final decision to accept or decline the VSIP/VERA offer should not rely solely on the information obtained from the retention registers.

# Action Line

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## Speeding in Capehart

**Q** As a Capehart resident, I've noticed that we have a problem with speeding along Navaho. I've seen it as early as 0500, when I'm out for PT, all, day, and into the night; not just during commute hours.

The best option, of course, would be regular enforcement.

However, in our current times of low manning, can the Security Forces Squadron put the, for lack of a better name, "speed truck" out along Navaho, say between Aztec and Pawnee?

Even parking an unmanned security vehicle along Navaho would be a good deterrent.

**A** Thank you for your concern regarding this matter. The Security Forces have been actively enforcing traffic laws in Capehart Housing, and will continue to do so.

As a reminder to all motorists who live in Capehart, it is your responsibility to obey all posted speed limit signs; especially in an area where many children are playing.

Security Forces will place a speed cart in this area in the near future as a reminder to motorists to drive safely.

## Plants need attention

**Q** The plants behind Bldg. 200 have not been watered for months. If we are paying contractors to maintain the facility, then they are not doing their job.

**A** Thank you for bringing this item to our attention. I have referred this concern to Boeing Services Company, which manages the grounds maintenance contract.

A break occurred in the water supply line to



**Col. Charlie Cotter**  
77th Air Base Wing commander

Hi. I'm Col. Charlie Cotter and I am the commander of the 77th Air Base Wing. I value the opportunity to serve you, members of the McClellan community. The Action Line is your direct link to focus my attention on something you feel I should know. It may be used to highlight an area where you have received exceptional service. The Action Line is also your means to tell me about a challenge or issue that you have not been able to resolve.

Certainly, it is best to first try to resolve the issue with the responsible agency, since ultimately that is where the issue will get fixed. Another means to address a problem is through your chain of command. But, if neither of these approaches resolves the issue to your satisfaction, let me know in your Action Line call what the challenge is and how you think it could be resolved to your satisfaction. I look forward to serving all members of the McClellan community.

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## Base Phone Numbers

AAFES.....	920-0537
Civilian Pay.....	643-6727
Civil Engineering.....	643-5624
Civilian Personnel.....	643-5838
Commissary.....	643-4954
Base Police.....	643-6161
Dining Hall.....	643-5092
Family Support.....	643-1106
Focus Center #1.....	643-5661
Fraud, Waste & Abuse.....	643-6000
Housing.....	643-6221
Legal.....	643-3150
Lodging.....	643-6223
Medical Appointments.....	643-8400
After Hours.....	643-7212
TRICARE Service Center.(800) 242-6788	
Military Pay.....	643-6965
Military Personnel.....	643-1094
Public Affairs.....	643-6127
Retiree Activities.....	643-2207
Security Forces.....	643-6160
Services.....	643-6660
Military Equal Opportunity.....	643-3322
Base Fuel.....	643-5213
Uniform Questions.....	643-4051

the irrigation system in this area and the repair turned out to be more complicated, and took longer to repair, than usual.

Hand watering should have been implemented to minimize the impact on vegetation.

I encourage all of the members of Team Mc-

Clellan to help out in these situations and report any such observations at the earliest possible time by notifying your building manager or calling the Civil Engineer Service Center at 643-5624.

Any questions on this process may be referred to Chuck Neely via e-mail, or by calling 643-4750.

# Thank you -- an honor to wear the uniform

**By Lt. Col. Bill Fuqua**

Director of the Logistics Directorate

Having been in the Air Force for more than 20 years, I sometimes lose sight of what a distinct honor it is to wear the uniform. The men and women who serve their country are my comrades. Each of them has a story to tell. Never have I heard one of those stories so beautifully told, at the same time swelling my heart with pride at being a military member, as the tale that was spun at the retirement ceremony for Col. (Dr.) Corazon David.

The singing of the National Anthem, done to perfection by Master Sgt. Ca'trina Barbee, was my first indication that this ceremony would be something both special and memorable. The words of the Presiding Officer, retired Col. Holes

heightened my anticipation.

Unlike other retirement ceremonies I had attended, Col. Holes' words rang from his heart. Not a lifeless litany of biographical data, they spoke of an individual whose life has been dedicated to the service of others.

At the conclusion of his comments, Col. David stepped to the microphone.

From the onset, Col. David's voice cracked with raw emotion. Her words, articulate and well delivered, went to the core of how she felt about her country, her Air Force, her family, and her God. It became quickly apparent that this stellar individual's convictions were heartfelt and true. She proceeded to thank everyone in her life that had contributed to her success.

The selflessness of Col. David shone through, though that was never her intention. Her love of

the uniform she wore and the Air Force she served was poignant and deeply moving. Col. David made me realize just how lucky I am to have been given the opportunity to serve the Air Force and this great nation, this America. Thank you, Col. David.

In closing, I also wish to applaud the McClellan Air Force Base Honor Guard, who came out of retirement to participate in the ceremony. They performed to their usual standard, perfection.

The 77th Medical Group orchestrated the ceremony flawlessly from start to finish.

Finally, my thanks to retired Chief Master Sgt. George Moses. As in the past, Moses' rendition of "The Flag" touched my soul. More importantly, however, is the voice and the heart that recites those wonderful words. Chief, you are The Flag.

Again, thank you all for your reminder – that service to your country is a noble endeavor.

## Air Force Vision

*"Air Force people building the world's most respected air and space force ... global power and reach for America"*

## Air Force Materiel Command Vision

*"Quality Systems for America's Air Force"*

## Sacramento Air Logistics Center Vision

*"Completing the mission of McClellan AFB with professionalism and honor"*

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# Previous center commander pays tribute to “McClellan Spirit”



**F Y I G**

From Your Inspector General

**Col. Michael F. Turner**  
Inspector General

When Lt. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini returned to McClellan as guest speaker at the All-Ranks Dining Out last Friday night, he was obviously impressed that the event was a sell-out at a closing base. Tattini, who got a standing ovation even before he spoke, was commander of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center from Sept. 20, 1995 to Aug. 8, 1998. The general was obviously impressed with the great attitude and accomplishments of the men and women of McClellan, when he turned to the present center commander and said, “Gen. Wiedemer, you forgot to tell these folks they’re at a closing base.”

Observing the outstanding performance of the former McClellan Honor Guard, he also exclaimed, “The Honor Guard was deactivated and someone forgot to tell them!” Tattini said that what sets this base and its people apart from other places is what he called the “McClellan Spirit.” He said it seemed like just yesterday that he stood on the flightline to accept command from Maj Gen Phillips. It was six years prior to closure, and he was told not to dwell on base closure, something that was still over a half decade away. Now that it’s only a year and a half away, it’s time to think about it.

As another example of McClellan Spirit, Tattini

recalled was when civilian employees on the base were up at 4 a.m. to register for closure benefits. According to Tattini, he stood in line with the people and there was not one bit of animosity; the people understood. The general also paid tribute to the military members and their spouses.

During the floods of 1997, Tattini described how McClellan people supported the community with volunteer assistance, shelters, medical assistance, chaplain services, and donations of blankets and supplies. He noted the long hours put in by the 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, the 77th Medical Group, and many other organizations at the base. Even Tops in Blue put on special shows for the flood refugees while they were performing on the base. He noted that regardless of what happens, even after the base closes, the McClellan Spirit will be in the ground here forever.

In his remarks, Tattini briefly mentioned four topics of interest to the Air Force: Kosovo, the budget, leadership, and the future of air power. On Kosovo, he reminded the audience of the successful 78-day air campaign by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Conducted without putting anyone on the ground in the country in the line of fire, Tattini said this will change the face of modern warfare forever. The bombing was accurate, but as demonstrated by the mistaken hit of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, there is a need work on intelligence and reconnaissance.

There is a budget surplus due to a strong economy and significant reductions in the defense budget, such as the closure of McClellan. The general said the reductions cannot go on indefinitely or else, like one on a high protein diet will be gone if the current rate of loss continues, so will the military. He noted the new appropriations bill

contains the largest pay raise most have seen. He believes we need readiness dollars for the C-17, F-22, and Joint Strike Fighter, but perhaps at a slower pace than planned.

Leadership, he told the younger airmen, will separate them from the rest of society. The general offered six attributes of a good leader: 1) risk taker, 2) innovator, 3) a take charge person, 4) one with high expectations of others, 5) positive attitude, and 6) one who is not afraid to get out front and lead.

On the future of aerospace power, Tattini, who is Commander of the Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, sees the future as primarily a space-based force. In fact, most of what we do is space-based in some way, such as using satellites for Global Positioning Systems, communications and military operations. Now we must figure out how to better protect those assets and gain space control as we move into the future.

At the conclusion of the dining out, Tattini, the senior officer in the room, stood side by side with Airman Basic Marvin Sing, the junior enlisted member on the base. Sing had just arrived at his first permanent duty assignment at McClellan as a finance specialist in military pay just four days prior to the Dining Out. Then Wiedemer announced the presentation of a commemorative coin depicting McClellan history from 1938 to 2001.

The coin was dedicated to the men and women of McClellan Air Force Base, whose sacrifice, courage, and determination contributed immeasurably to the nation’s defense. As I observed these demonstrations of mutual respect and admiration, I thought there really is a such thing as the “McClellan Spirit”.

# EAF is a journey, not an end state, says Peters

**Commentary by F. Whitten Peters**  
Secretary of the Air Force

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Last summer, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan and I announced the beginning of our Expeditionary Aerospace Force journey. Now, our first two Aerospace Expeditionary Forces have assembled and deployed in part to Southwest Asia.

It has not been easy to get to this point. It has been a learning experience, but it is the first step in trying to create a stable and predictable lifestyle for all of our men and women.

EAF is a journey, and we have many more steps to take along this path as we transform the Air Force from a forward-based, Cold War force to an expeditionary force able to respond to crises around the globe.

EAF is not just one event. It is a completely different way of looking at how we do our business. It is also a fundamental change in the way we operate, as evidenced by the establishment of completely new training courses for both enlisted airmen and young officers — Warrior Week during Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and

the Aerospace Basic Course at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

We are moving into the EAF for two reasons. First, to make sure that the nation has the trained aerospace forces it needs. Second, to make sure that our people have relief from operations tempo, or OPTEMPO, in a turbulent world. This is really what EAF is about.

Making life better for everyone in the Air Force is my No. 1 priority for 2000, and I know that the frequency and unpredictability of deployments remains everyone’s No. 1 concern. The EAF will lay the groundwork for resolving this concern by spreading the effects of an apparently never-ending high OPTEMPO across more of the force. By using our Total Force and by re-engineering our active forces to add to those eligible to deploy, we can spread the high OPTEMPO burdens and ultimately reduce personnel tempo.

The EAF will also lessen the high work levels at home stations by putting enough manning on our bases to do the work, even when units are deployed. Improving our OPTEMPO and PERSTEMPO is something that we cannot compromise. We will never fix our retention rates unless

we can guarantee people that in peacetime they will have a personal life. With EAF as our vision, the AEFs are the tools that will transform it into a reality.

Our AEFs will be responsive, tailored and trained for the area into which we expect them to deploy. Dedicated airlift, intelligence and space assets will enable the AEFs to provide the right force at the right time, whether the mission is humanitarian relief or combat operations. This will be increasingly important in the rapidly changing 21st Century.

EAF won’t be pretty at first, or provide instant relief, but it will ultimately succeed. For proof, look at Kosovo. There, we demonstrated we could deploy to some 20 bases with seeming effortlessness, and on short notice, transform a base with no U.S. facilities into a fully operational base within hours to a few days.

More important, we demonstrated that we could also turn sorties quickly, within hours to a few days. And, ultimately, when the fighting stopped, our national command authorities allowed us to come home quickly, showing the confidence we are already building in our ability to move out rapidly from home base to get the job done overseas.

While Kosovo operations showed EAF works, it also demanded a tremendous amount from our forces, and that effort did not come without a cost.

We are reconstituting the force, and we have adapted the EAF schedule accordingly. Even so, the initial AEFs include many men and women who have been involved in Kosovo and other operations this year. It is not ideal to ask these men and women to leave again so quickly, but it is essential if we are to find a long-lasting solution for OPTEMPO and PERSTEMPO.

I need the help of all Air Force members to get the word out about EAF. I need them to take time to understand the vision and our goals. Also, to take time to listen to feedback and pass it to me through the chain of command. We cannot change the mindset of the Air Force without feedback and the support and hard work of everyone in the organization.

EAF is a journey, not an end state. Today we are without a doubt the most capable aerospace force the world has ever seen. Thanks to your hard work, sacrifices and commitment, the EAF reorganization will help us stay that way.

# Team McClellan members soar to new heights

## *Air Force sergeants, airmen graduate, sew on new stripes*

The following technical sergeants graduated from the NCO Academy, class 99-7, Oct. 28.

Technical Sgts. Renee L. Daig, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Shayne L. Murphy 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Todd M. Noltemeyer, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Elaine J. Samborski 364th Recruiting Squadron, Ulysses J. White, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Commandant's Award Recipient – Technical Sgt. Shayne L. Murphy.

Distinguished Graduate—Technical Sgt. Renee L. Daig.

The following senior airman graduated from Airman Leadership School, Class 99-G, Oct. 15.

Mark A. Balanquit 77th Security Forces Squadron, Kevin A. Barton 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Juan M. Gonzalez, Jr. 77th Security Forces Squadron, Wesley M. Harmon 77th Communications Squadron, Kikiva C. Hinton 77th Mission Support Squadron, Jocelyn I. Paul 77th Mission Support Squadron, Floyd G. Recto 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, Daniel B. Smith, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron, Carlos D. Villanueva, 938th Engineering Installa-

tion Squadron.

John Levitow Award Recipient – Senior Airman Floyd G. Recto.

Academic Achievement Award Recipient – Senior Airman Wesley M. Harmon.

Leadership Award Recipient – Senior Airman Mark A. Balanquit.

Career Development Course honor roll recipients are:

Master Sgt. Kelly L. Hight, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron; Airman First Class Elizabeth C. Carter, 77th Communication Squadron; Staff Sgt. Leland W. Carlton, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron; Technical Sgt. David O. Brooks, 77th Communication Squadron; Staff Sgt. Leonard D. Lim, 77th Medical Group; and Technical Sgt. Daniel A. Woltjer, 77th Communication Squadron.

The following Team McClellan members have been selected for promotion.

**From Technical Sgt. to Master Sgt.**

David D. Lee 77 MSS

**From Staff Sgt. to Technical Sgt.**

Todd M. Cogdill, 77 MSS, David A. Cruz 77 MDSS, Lance D. Egan 364 RS Tech. Sgt.,

Shawn P. Marden, 77 MSS, Jeffrey L. McElhoe 652 CLSS, Jerry J. Mitts Jr., 77 SFS, Andrew J. Pacheco, 77 MSS, Howard L. Povey III, 938 EIS, Alvin L. Randolph, 77 MSS, James M. Roulette 364 RS, Ricky White, 77 MSS, Andrew W. Miller, 77 SFS, Sherry L. Moon, 77 SFS.

**From senior airman to staff sergeant**

Silvia V. Wadkins, 77 MSS.

**From airman 1st class to senior airman**

Matthew W. Cobra 938 EIS, Below The Zone, Alexis N. Fiore, 77 SFS, John J. Goss, 77 SFS, BTZ, Damon L. Jones, 77 SFS, Janice K. S. Luke, 77 CS, BTZ, Bobbie J. Ray, 77 MSS, Gaddie L. Wider Jr., 77 SFS.

**From airman basic to airman 1st class**

Christopher Bauman, 938 EIS, Mario A. Belis, 77 SFS, Nicole S. Davis, 77 CS, Russel M. Graves, 938 EIS, Dawn M. Holloway, 77 MSS, Jeremiah J. Horn, 77 SFS, Alissa R. Jephcott, 77 CS, Amanda Palacios, 77 DS, Kenneth J. Sereduk, 77 CS, Christopher Taylor, 77 CS, Dominick J. Juliano, 77 SFS, Frank J. Matz Jr., 77 SFS.

**From airman basic to airman**

Rianna R. Beal, 77 MSS, Julie A. Jordan, 77 MSS, Shawnte M. McKinnon, 77 CS.

# Contracting prepares workload for closure

The majority of the Directorate of Contracting's workload is going to Hill Air Force Base, and it's getting there by various means. Some of our contracts are even being shipped out with the personnel as they transfer so a hand basket may not be that far fetched. In the rest of this article we will explain when and where the workload is going and what impact the transfer will have on you.

This article is contracting's segment in a series of articles to you about divestiture and closure plans. Earlier articles explained that divestiture involves stopping or relocating tasks that are no longer relevant for a closing base or for which there are inadequate resources to continue them until closing. In plain language, this means that we rid ourselves of stuff before everyone leaves -- we are doing less with less.

Before you stop reading this article, there are two pieces of information you should know that may be very important to you or your organization. One is the tasks, functions and reports that have stopped or are transferring are listed on the contracting web page under base realignment and closure. Click on the contracting divestiture plan or the contracting date plan and you will find information on certain functions transfer, and a point of contact. The other important item is that the transfer of International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card may have an impact on you.

That's the government credit card you use to purchase the less expensive items your organization needs under \$2,500 like office supplies. Currently, there are approximately 300 IMPAC cards that McClellan's contracting office has issued. To better understand how base closure will affect these accounts, these 300 IMPAC cards need to be broken down into three groups. The first group

is referred to as the "tenants." These tenants include the military recruiters, and other government organizations that will remain in the geographic region of Sacramento well beyond base closure. The second group includes those SM-ALC organizations that are disbanding prior to base closure.

The third group encompasses everyone else and includes the 77t Air Base Wing organizations that will remain throughout the final days.

If you are in the first group referred to as the tenants, purchases using your McClellan issued IMPAC cards will stop May 25, 2000.

All IMPAC purchases on your McClellan account must stop by this date in order to allow late billings to clear the system. In the spring 2000 time frame, each tenant organization should make arrangements with another Department of Defense facility to obtain a new IMPAC card. To facilitate a seamless transition, the McClellan IMPAC office will offer assistance to tenants, but the ultimate responsibility rests upon the tenant to obtain a new IMPAC account.

If you are in the second group of SM-ALC organizations that are disbanding, your McClellan issued IMPAC card will be closed out no later than Sept. 15, 2000.

Ninety days prior to your organization's closure, all IMPAC purchases must stop. This is to allow for your IMPAC account to have any late billings to clear the system.

If you are in the third group of 77th Air Base Wing organizations that will remain up to base closure, special arrangements are being made for you. Due to fiscal year procedures, your McClellan issued IMPAC card will be closed out on Sept. 15, 2000 and all IMPAC purchases with a McClellan card must stop by this date.

However, unlike the second group, a new IMPAC card will be issued from Hill Air Force Base for those few identified organizations that will remain until closure. These new "Hill" cards will be issued in early September 2000, but will not be activated until Oct. 1, 2000. Again, the McClellan IMPAC office will offer assistance and provide training in the summer 2000 time frame for this unique transition.

The IMPAC office of Capt. Jon Bridges, Lt. Michael James, and Wanda Duxbury can provide further assistance with this transition plan. The office can be reached at 643-4252/4210, fax 643-1346, Room 201, second floor of Bldg. 200.

Is there anything else you need to know? Well, maybe. Contracting has already stopped some other tasks, functions and reports. We no longer have an acquisition stand down day or do a monthly non-facnet report. The point of contact on these is Joe Riccomini at 643-6805. We have stopped the annual competition plan, zero overpricing report, price appraisal report, and the spare parts acquisition breakout reports. The point of contact on these is Mike Montgomery at 643-3557. Once again, we are doing less with less.

Central Contracting will complete the transfer of its active contracts to the various gaining centers by Sept. 30, 2000. Many of the programs near and dear to your heart have already been sent to their new homes.

For example all of the space programs are gone, along with an alphabet soup of programs – AFSCN, DMSP, MILSATCOM, CMC, MWSSS, SBIRS/DSP and GPS. Central's completed contracts remaining after Sept. 30 will be

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# DRMO conducts local sealed bid sale Nov. 18

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at McClellan Air Force Base is conducting a Local Sealed Bid Sale.

The bids will open Nov. 18. Property is combined in like commodity

groups and sold in various size lots. Viewing is permitted Monday through Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DRMO facility at Bldg. 786C. Bids will be accepted until 7:30 a.m. Nov. 18. The public

is encouraged to participate. You may download a catalog from the DRMS website: <http://www.drms.dla.mil/catalog/official/44-0201.htm>

For further information contact

the local DRMO office at 643-3830.

During the three days of inspection the Main Ave. gate will be open. From I-80 take Raley Blvd. north to Main Ave turn right (east) and enter the Main Ave. gate to Bldg. 786C.



# McClellan members honored at quarterly awards luncheon

By Alica Doyle  
Staff Writer

It was nearly a Communications Squadron sweep as McClellan's newest Airman, Noncommissioned Officer, Senior Noncommissioned Officer and Company Grade Officer of the Quarter were honored at an awards luncheon Oct. 27.

**Senior Airman David Anderson**, 77th Communications Squadron, was recognized for his commitment to mission and customer service as Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Unit Personnel. He was credited with improving squadron support functions, resulting in the squadron's ergometry program being called the best on base by the Health and Wellness Center. In support of its mission, Anderson ensured the 77th CS's level of readiness exceeded the standard. Testing, immunization, and records review of all squadron members were done ahead of schedule, making the 77th CS . Anderson served the community by leading his section's participation in the Literacy Little League at Dyer Kelly Elementary School, and acting as a mentor to Marysville Millennium Boys Home youths.



Senior Airman  
David Anderson

**Technical Sergeant Richard Halseth**, 77th Communications Squadron, is the reason your phone rings. Credited with meeting and exceeding customer requirements in devising solutions to 75 technical problems, Halseth contributed innovative, workable answers to complex problems in the digital telephone switching systems.



Technical Sgt.  
Richard Halseth

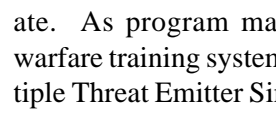
An NCO Academy distinguished graduate, Halseth hit the ground running this past quarter at Kirtland Air Force Base N.M. He organized the graduation dinner, led his flight in physical fitness training, and coordinated his academy group's participation in the University of New Mexico Fiesta Run.

**Master Sergeant George Nichols**, also of the 77th Communications Squadron, managed his work center's error-free processing of six million classified and priority messages to worldwide users. He supported five National Airborne Operations Center missions with perfect circuit activations, and directed the Tracy Regional Logistical Depot's self-help removal and decommissioning effort.

Nichols' commitment to mentoring McClellan's enlisted corps made him a driving force in shaping tomorrow's leaders. As a contributing coordinator for Retiree Appreciation Day, president of the 77th CS Top 4, and instructor for the base mentorship program, Nichols development of the Air Force's past, present, and future set him apart.

The spoiler to 77th CS sweep was **1st Lt. Carey Petit**, Space, Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence Directorate. As program manager for two electronic warfare training systems, Petit managed the Multiple Threat Emitter Simulator computer replacement study, which enabled combat crews to successfully evade both surface-to-air, and air-to-air weapons. Her efforts to enhance the capabilities of her peers and herself made Petit an outstanding asset to the Space and C3I directorate.

Petit also served as an active member of McClellan's Honor Guard, vice-president of the Company Grade Officers' Council, dining-out committee member, and Operation Air Force coordinator.



Master Sgt.  
George Nichols



1st Lt.  
Carey Petit

## Great American Smoke Out -- kick the habit

Thursday marks the 23rd Great American Smokeout. The American Cancer Society volunteers and staff hold the Great American Smokeout every year to help smokers quit cigarettes for at least one day, in hopes they will quit forever. More people quit smoking on this day than any other day of the year.

Did You Know?

- there are about 4000 chemicals in tobacco?
- cigarette filters do not catch all

the tar in cigarette smoke? Tar begins to build up in the lungs.

- one cigarette takes 5-7 minutes away from a smoker's life?
- nicotine is a deadly poison and is more addictive than cocaine or heroin?
- second hand smoke is classified as a known cause of cancer in humans (Group A carcinogen)?
- 3,000 teens start smoking each day? Of those, 1000 will die from tobacco-related diseases.

■ when smoking cigars, even if you do not inhale, you can still get the same mouth diseases – tongue, lip, and gum cancer? Not inhaling cigar smoke is just like breathing second hand smoke.

■ the tobacco industry spends \$6 billion each year on advertising alone? That's \$16 million each day, or \$11,000 a minute.

■ eight hours of breathing second hand smoke is equivalent to smoking 1 pack of cigarettes?

■ on average, a smoker will attempt to quit 7 times before they successfully quit?

For more information on tobacco: American Cancer Society – <http://www.cancer.org> or 1-800-ACS-2345. *American Lung Association* – <http://www.lungusa.org> or 1-800-LUNG-USA. Provided by Foundation Health Federal Services Preventive Care Services, visit [WWW.FHFS.COM](http://WWW.FHFS.COM) for more information.

## Final smooth move seminar with representatives from Hill AFB

Representatives from Hill Air Force Base will be at SM-ALC on Nov. 23 to conduct their last Smooth Move Seminar this year.

The seminar is aimed at SM-ALC employees, and their spouses, who will be transferring to Hill in support of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and depot competition workloads.

Letters of invitation to the seminar are sent to employees and they are scheduled to attend approximately three months prior to their move date. Employees are requested to respond to the letters of invitation by notifying Betty Maddox by phone, 643-1877, or e-mail, whether they will attend as scheduled or to request re-scheduling.

The Smooth Move seminar consists of a series of presentations given by Hill Air Force Base functional experts in the areas of civilian pay, personnel, travel, pass and registration, and transportation of personal property and household goods.

In addition, there is a Utah cultural presentation that provides a myriad of information concerning Utah and all it has to offer.

According to Gene Hattenbruck, OO-ALC/LG, who devised the idea for the Smooth Move presentations, "our objective is to provide employees information about what they can expect as they prepare to move, and once they arrive at Hill."

We think the information we provide complements what employees are receiving from the SM-ALC financial, personnel and travel offices, and will help alleviate some of the stress associated with a major move, he said.

The feed back from those who have attended to date is that it is a very worth while experience and they really appreciated the information we provided. The bottom line is, we want everyone coming to Ogden to feel they are a part of the Hill AFB team".

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in Bldg. 8, Room 102. The one-day seminar starts at 8:15 a.m. and finishes up at 3 p.m.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Shorten path to college degree

Save money. CLEP examinations are free for all servicemen and servicewomen. Depending on your college's CLEP policy, satisfactory scores on CLEP exams can earn you college credits. Use what you know.

Turn what you have learned through independent study or professional development into credit

its toward your degree. Do not go over the same ground.

Skip general introductory courses and jump into the advanced work. Reduce degree requirements. Demonstrate your ability, for example, in a language, a social science, or history with CLEP.

Be a part-time student with full-time credits. Even if you serve full time you can graduate in

record time.

Remember, the college credit you earn through CLEP can satisfy college requirements for commissioning programs, open new career possibilities for all service members, make your degree a reality. For further information call Education Services at 643-4776, 0930 - 1630, Bldg 8, Rm 225, Monday through Friday.

# Influenza shots prevent illness, possible death

By Dr. (Brig. Gen.) Joseph E. Kelley  
74th Medical Group Commander  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Imagine the excitement and anticipation if the announcement was made that a vaccine that would prevent AIDS was developed. Today many people view AIDS as the most threatening and deadly disease we face.

A safe and effective vaccine to prevent it would be a great medical advance, and would be embraced by many people.

At the same time, many people are unaware of the importance of influenza as a serious illness. Every year more people die from “the flu” than from AIDS. This is not intended to minimize the impact of AIDS. AIDS is an uncommon and chronic illness, which usually causes death, and can be prevented by avoiding certain high-risk behaviors. Influenza is a more acute and self-

limited disease, which is so common, that even though serious complications are unusual, it still causes more deaths than AIDS.

Missing work and feeling lousy are more common than serious problems, but the flu can be especially devastating to young and old people with chronic illnesses, and those who live in close quarters.

In the military community there is good documentation that those who receive the vaccine miss fewer days of work than those who don’t.

During the flu season, it is difficult to avoid exposure to folks who are spreading the illness, but it can be prevented in most cases through a vaccine. This vaccine is mandatory for all active duty folks (unless they have a medical waiver).

In most cases, following active duty inoculations, the program is open to all other beneficiaries, including civil service employees.

Several questions have been asked about risks of delaying the shots for the non-active duty

people. Contrary to some news reports, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is not predicting an early flu season. The recommended time frame for receiving the shot is October through mid-November.

The current vaccine does protect against the strains of influenza that are currently causing an outbreak in Alaska. Many people say they get flu from the vaccine. That isn’t true, but systemic reactions of low-grade fever, with some chills and body aches are fairly common.

These are the result of your body’s immune response to the vaccine, and can be prevented by taking some acetaminophen (Tylenol, etc.) or ibuprofen (Motrin, etc.) just before the shot and for a day or two after.

Now’s the time to protect yourself from this inconvenient and occasionally fatal disease. Don’t be a statistic on the disease count; be counted in the group that has protected themselves by getting the flu shot.

## FOCUS Center Jobs

*This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Foce Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact FOCUS Center #1 at 643-5661. FOCUS #1 is open until 7 p.m Thursdays.*

**Position:** Transportation Assistant, GS-2102-06/07  
**Annc#:** BOR-MP-99-202  
**Close:** Nov 15  
**Location:** Sacramento, CA  
**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation  
**POC:** Inga Hall (916) 978-5471  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

**Position:** Program Manager (State Director), GS-340-14  
**Annc#:** AHR-DEU-00-002  
**Close:** Nov 29  
**Location:** Sacramento, CA  
**Agency:** Dept of Transportation  
**POC:** Sandra Gray (404) 562-3585  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

**Position:** Secretary (Office Automation), GS-318-06  
**Annc#:** BOR-MP-99-210  
**Close:** Nov 22  
**Location:** Sacramento, CA  
**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation  
**POC:** Inga Hall (916) 978-5471  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

**Position:** Applications Clerk (Office Automation), GS-986-04/05  
**Annc#:** SFR-99-SAC-10  
**Close:** Nov 15  
**Location:** Sacramento, CA  
**Agency:** Immigration  
**POC:** (415) 844-5110  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy

announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

**Position:** Auditor, GS-511-09/12  
**Annc#:** OIG-0-16  
**Close:** Nov 22  
**Location:** Davis, CA  
**Agency:** Dept of Agriculture  
**POC:** (202) 720-3079  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

**Position:** Engineering Technician, GS-802-11  
**Annc#:** R514NP-002-00  
**Close:** Nov 29  
**Location:** Redding, CA  
**Agency:** Forest Service  
**POC:** (530) 841-4477  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

**Position:** CVPIA Water Acquisition Program Manager, GS-301-13  
**Annc#:** BOR-MP-99-208  
**Close:** Nov 23  
**Location:** Sacramento, CA  
**Agency:** Bureau of Reclamation  
**POC:** Inga Hall (916) 978-5471  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

**Position:** Physical Scientist, Supv, GS-1301-13  
**Annc#:** DD0015TG

**Close:** Nov 19  
**Location:** Sacramento, CA  
**Agency:** Army  
**POC:** (303) 969-7050  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

**Position:** Safety & Occupational Health Specialist, GS-0018-13  
**Annc#:** FS-0-0038-SY  
**Close:** Nov 26  
**Location:** Yosemite, CA  
**Agency:** National Park Service  
**POC:** (415) 744-5627  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSA’s and/or additional information.

### Non Federal Jobs

**Position:** Mechanical Engineering Technician II  
**Salary:** \$3,227 - \$3,921 per month  
**Close:** Nov 18  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**Agency:** State of California  
**POC:** (916) 227-7858  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

**Position:** Legal Secretary  
**Salary:** \$2,475 - \$3,008 per month  
**Close:** Nov 23  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**Agency:** State of California  
**POC:** (916) 324-5039  
**Remarks:** Copies of the vacancy announcement are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for additional information.

### Sacramento County briefing

Sacramento County has more than 1,200 local jobs.

If you are unable to leave the Sacramento Area this is an opportunity you can’t afford to miss. Representatives from Sacramento County will hold a briefing Tuesday at McClellan’s Base Theatre from 11:30 am to 12:30 p.m. They will discuss some of the advantages of working for the County.

**Flexible work hours**  
Many positions offer flexible work hours.

**Group health, dental, and life insurance**  
**Group Health:** The County provides a medical subsidy to help pay for the cost of medical insurance.

**Group Dental:** Provided through Delta Dental.

**Life Insurance:** A basic life insurance benefit to all eligible.

**Holidays**  
12.5 paid holidays per year.

**Retirement**  
Coverage is provided through Social Security and the County Employees’ Retirement System.

**Sick leave**  
Sick leave is accrued at the equivalent of 15 days annually with unlimited accumulation.

**Vacation**  
Generally, vacation with pay begins at 10 days annually with increases over a period of years, maximizing at 24 days per year.

Representatives will also discuss the application process. However, resumes will not be accepted at the briefing.

For additional information contact Greg Eason at 643-5661.





## Movies

**Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.**

**For the love of the game** - Friday and Saturday

*Starring: Kevin Costner, Kelly Preston, Jena Malone and Richard T. Jones.*

This film takes a provocative look into the professional and personal passions of Billy Chapel, a legendary baseball pitcher nearing the end of his career who is forced to re-examine his priorities when confronted with unexpected circumstances: Not only is he about to be traded after 20 years with the same team, but the woman he has been with for several years, Jane Aubrey, is leaving him. In the midst of pitching a perfect game against the New York Yankees, Chapel, who has been the heart and soul of the Detroit Tigers, thinks back upon his long career and his tempestuous relationship with Jane. Aware that the stakes in his life have increased dramatically, the veteran ballplayer knows that he has some serious decisions to make by the bottom of the ninth inning. (PG-13 for brief strong language and some sexuality)

**Drive me crazy** - Sunday

*Starring: Melissa Joan Hart, Adrian Grenier and Keram Malicki-Sanchez.*

Nicole and Chase live next door to each other and that's about all they have in common. Nicole is up on the latest fashions; Chase, on the newest protest. She wouldn't miss a pep rally or basketball game; he can usually be found moping in some darkened coffee house. But to navigate the land mines of high school love, they must reluctantly join forces. And in the midst of a gala centennial celebration, Nicole and Chase find that the one they always wanted was closer than they ever realized. (PG-13 for teen alcohol and drug use, and for language.)

## Youth Center

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, gym, snack bar, 2-6 p.m.; Skate Night, ages 9-12, 6:30-9 p.m., \$2 members, \$4 nonmembers; members only from 6:30-7 p.m., open to all at 7 p.m.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation, snack bar and gym, noon - 5 p.m.; Closing ceremony for soccer, 6-8 p.m..

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation and open gym, 2-7 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-7 p.m.; open gym, 4:15 - 7 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, open gym, 2-7 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-6 p.m.

# Friends can help buffer stress

Everyone goes through periods of distress. One of the best ways to get through these periods is turning to trusted friends for support, comfort and help.

## Turn to friends for support

Friends can support you by listening to your feelings, offering solutions, or simply spending time with you. Friends know your history, concerns, and inner circle.

Friends can give you practical support. When George and Ann had their baby, their friend Tom offered to walk their dog - a small gesture



## Head check

For your mind, body and soul

**Capt. Frank D. Weber**  
Chief, Mental Health Element

that meant a great deal to them. But don't wait for a friend to offer his or her support. The nature of friendship is being able to ask for help when you need it, too.

Friends can give you both physi-

cal and emotional support. When Martha's father died, her good friend Sharon hugged her as she cried. Human touch is an important part of the healing process.

## Identify and make friends

Family members, coworkers, members of your church or synagogue, even the store clerk can all become friends, if you make the effort.

Reach out to others when you can. Then, in times of trouble, you will have people to turn to. People who are close to others stay healthy and live longer than those who stay isolated.

# Tops in Blue entertains Team McClellan Dec. 5 at ARCO Arena

Get ready for a fantastic night of entertainment...FOR FREE! TOPS IN BLUE, the premier entertainment showcase of the United States Air Force will be coming to McClellan Air Force Base to perform at ARCO Arena, Dec. 5, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.

The 1999 edition of TOPS IN BLUE, "JUST FOR THE FANS," is a celebration of music and dance, which will delight audiences both young and old alike. For more than 45 years, TOPS IN BLUE has been energizing audi-

ences around the world.

This year's show is no exception. The new team will take center stage for an hour and a half, performing favorite hits from the '70's through the 90's, with special highlights featuring songs that create fun for the entire audience. Whether pop, rock, disco, R&B, or country is your favorite style, you are sure to hear music that will bring back many memories.

According to Tom Edwards, the show's producer and Director of Air Force Entertainment, this show

is "Fantastic!"

As the title indicates, it is a show inspired by the fans, just for the fans. "It's because of the fans that TOPS IN BLUE exists," says Edwards. "We just want to thank our fans for their support and the caring they have shown each TOPS IN BLUE team throughout the years.

This year's team of 36 active duty military members is indeed a reflection of the "Best of the Best." Continuing the tradition of worldwide ambassadors, this group of talented young Air Force members displays the pride, patriotism, and dedication felt by all Air Force personnel around the world.

They will present 125 performances in 20 countries during this year's TOPS IN BLUE world tour.

The Tops in Blue '99 is proud to be sponsored by AT&T, USPA&IRA, and Landstar/Ranger Government Transportation, Inc. AT&T's worldwide sponsorship is providing financial support to Tops in Blue for the 8th consecutive year.

Services also welcomes returning sponsors, USPA&IRA, a financial programming company and Landstar/Ranger Government Transportation, Inc.

So don't miss the excitement, fun, and entertainment...after all, the show is "JUST FOR THE FANS."

For more information, contact your Services Squadron representative Maj. William McNeill at (916) 643-6660 or email [William.mcneill@mcclellan.af.mil](mailto:William.mcneill@mcclellan.af.mil) or Betty Moore at (916) 643-4822 or email [betty.moore@mcclellan.af.mil](mailto:betty.moore@mcclellan.af.mil) (Federal Endorsement of Sponsors Not Intended)



Show Date: Sunday, 5 Dec 99, 1930hrs  
Location: ARCO Arena -- Free Admission  
Call 643-4822 for more information



No Federal Endorsement of Sponsors Intended

# Base legal office prepares for year 2000 closure

The McClellan Legal Office has developed a comprehensive plan that provides for the orderly transition of legal support during base closure. The number of persons assigned to the Legal Office has already started to decline but there has not yet been any decrease in the types of legal services provided. At some point, legal cannot continue "business as usual".

## Oct. 1, 2000

On this date, legal will no longer be able to provide assistance to the retiree population. The office will simply have grown too small to handle the large numbers of retirees that have traditionally relied on its services. Other sources of legal assistance are available in the area.

The 60th Air Mobility Wing Legal Office at Travis Air Force Base provides legal assistance on an appointment basis, Tuesday afternoons, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. As part of the Travis Year of the Family program, the legal office also schedules Tuesday evening legal assistance appointments, from 5 to 6:40 p.m. The Travis legal office provides notary services, Wednesday and Thursday, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Contact the Travis Legal Office at (707) 424-3251.

The 9th Reconnaissance Wing Legal Office at Beale provides legal assistance on a walk-in basis, rather than by appointment, Monday – Thursday, from 8 to 9 a.m., and on Wednesday afternoons, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Beale Legal Office provides notary services Monday – Friday, from 8 to 9 a.m., and from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, contact the Beale Legal Office at (916) 634-2928.

Look for the forthcoming publication of our public web page that will provide additional information on legal referral and legal aid services available in the area. Meanwhile, for legal problems that are outside the scope of the legal assistance program, consider using the Lawyer Referral and Information Service established by the State Bar of California. Contact this service at (916) 444-2333, Monday – Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The legal office will stop processing claims Oct. 1, 2000. Claims that would have been filed with McClellan will have to be filed at either Beale or Travis.

The claims jurisdiction currently consists of parts of northern Nevada and east central California. Claims for damage to household goods moved at government expense must be filed with Beale if the claimant lives in northern Nevada and with Travis if the claimant lives in east central California. Similarly, claims for other injuries must be filed with Beale or Travis, depending on where the injury occurred. The Beale Claims Office may be reached at (916) 634-3425 and the Travis Claims Office at (707) 424-0641.

Primary responsibility for prosecuting offenses and for convening military courts-martial will be transferred to the Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Our legal office will continue to advise commanders on the proper range of disciplinary and corrective actions. The legal office will transfer responsibility for investigating contract fraud, resolving ongoing disputes in government con-

tracts, and providing legal support in Equal Employment Opportunity matters to the Ogden Air Logistics Center.

## Dec. 1, 2000

Legal support of environmental litigation will transfer to the Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base.

## Jan. 31, 2001

The Ogden Air Logistics Center will assume responsibility for legal support on on-going labor litigation.

## March 1, 2001

Legal will transfer responsibility for processing Articles 15, nonjudicial punishment, and administrative discharges of military members to the Ogden Air Logistics Center. As is the case for courts-martial, discussed above, our Legal Office will continue to advise commanders on the proper range of disciplinary and corrective actions.

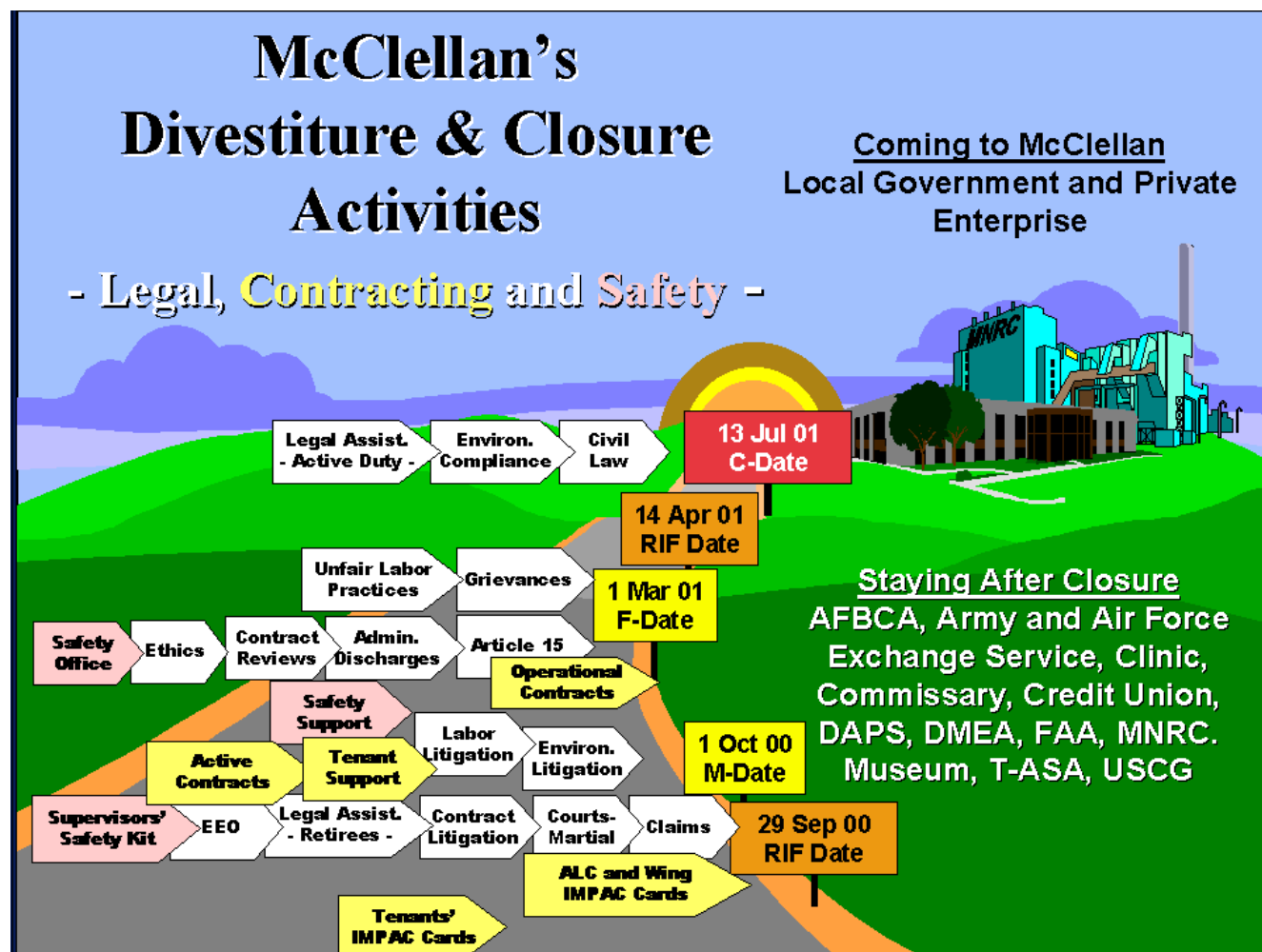
The responsibility for providing legal advice on open government contracts will transfer to the Ogden Air Logistics Center. Ethics advice on matters such as conflicts of interest and post-government employment will transfer to the Ogden Air Logistics Center.

## Apr. 1, 2001

Legal will transfer responsibility for all remaining labor law functions including the defense of grievances, unfair labor practice charges by labor unions, and Merit Systems Protection Board cases to the Ogden Air Logistics Center.

## Jul. 13, 2001

The legal office will close its doors.



## Contracting from ... Page 4

closed, boxed, and shipped to storage. Operational Contracting will continue to support the 77th ABW until Dec. 31, 2000 when we transfer responsibility to Hill.

Tenant support ends Sept. 30, 2000. Urgent purchase requests will not be accepted after Feb. 1, 2001.

If you have an emergency acquisition after this date, contact the division chief for assistance.

All residual operational contracts

transfer to Hill after the Feb. 1, 2001 date. The PKOP portion of Operational Contracting, also known as Environmental Contracting, will continue to operate within EM and award base cleanup requirements throughout fiscal year 2000.

Beginning in the second quarter of fiscal year 2000, we will start the transition of the contracting process and all the files to the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. Op-

erational contracting will box and transfer all remaining contracts to the appropriate centers from Feb. 1, 2001, until March 1, 2001.

All of us in contracting want to help the various organizations with their requirements and make closure and the transition process to the other centers as smooth as possible. If you have questions regarding the topics in this article, call the points of contact indicated above, Mike Montgomery or Bill Teeple at 643-3557.

## Safety support through closure

The protection and safety of our workforce continues to be our highest concern through base closure. To effectively support this effort the Safety Office is planning for a phased closure with follow-on support provided by the Ogden Air Logistics Center.

The Safety Office will continue to be the focal point for all safety efforts right up to March 2001.

This includes all program guidance, mishap investigations, hazard reports and inspections.

In order to complete our phased closure, on or about Oct. 1, 2000, all safety-related historical records will transfer to the Federal Records Center and publishing of the Supervisor's Safety Kit will stop. In place of the safety kit, several links will be established to other safety web sites that contain updated information that may be of use to our supervisors in meeting safety briefing requirements.

Current planning indicates that the Safety Office will relocate to a more central location in the next several months. This move should go relatively unnoticed by customers and the telephone numbers will remain the same.

After March 1, 2001, safety support services will be handled by the Ogden Air Logistics Center and through additional duty personnel at McClellan. We expect these services to be more than adequate in meeting customer needs. Look for planning updates on the McClellan homepage.